



## BLM Resource Advisory Councils

Partners Across The West

# Betsy Marston

## Biographical Sketch, Southwest RAC Member

Words are a way of life for Betsy Marston, who writes the column "Heard Around the West" and is the project editor of the "Writers on the Range" syndicate for *High Country News*. Marston also serves Delta County as a member and current president of the school board.

Marston is serving her first term on the Southwest RAC in Category 2, dispersed recreation. Marston's representation on the RAC is important to her because of the difficult challenges she feels BLM faces in its efforts to manage public lands for multiple use. Important issues to Marston include oil and gas drilling, unregulated ATV use and mountain biking, wilderness, scenic byways, trails, and developed and undeveloped campsites.

Marston and her husband, Ed, came to Colorado from New York to take a year off from their demanding jobs—that one year in Colorado has turned into 32. Smitten with the rural lifestyle of western Colorado, her family settled in, raising two children and founding two newspapers through the years. The Marstons ran the *High Country News* from 1983 to 2003.

The Marstons are hosting a 15-year-old exchange student from China this year. In her spare time, Marston enjoys hiking, kayaking, and road biking.